

An Administrative Order  
Office of the Mayor  
City of Atlanta

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**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

**AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER DIRECTING THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER TO COORDINATE WITH THE INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE AND THE ATLANTA POLICE FOUNDATION TO CONDUCT AN EXAMINATION OF THE OPERATION, LOCATION, AND COVERAGE OF ALL CAMERAS INTEGRATED INTO THE VIDEO INTEGRATION CENTER (VIC) PURSUANT TO OPERATION SHIELD.**

**WHEREAS**, my vision for One Atlanta centers around five Citywide goals focused on creating a safe, welcoming, and inclusive City; world-class employees, infrastructure and services; an ethical, transparent, and fiscally responsible government; thriving neighborhoods, communities, and businesses; and residents who are equipped for success; and

**WHEREAS**, the One Atlanta vision serves as the framework for creating a more Affordable, Equitable, and Resilient city; and

**WHEREAS**, to achieve these goals public agencies, residents, businesses, non-profits, philanthropy, faith-based organizations, educational institutions, and more must work together; and

**WHEREAS**, in keeping with my commitment to public safety, I am committed to working with our business and non-profit leaders, colleges universities and neighborhoods to implement strategies to combat crime, including through the utilization of innovative technologies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Atlanta Police Foundation, Inc. (Foundation) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that partners with the City and the Atlanta Police Department in implementing programs to enhance public safety and improve the quality of life in the City of Atlanta; and

**WHEREAS**, the Foundation has partnered with the City and other organizations in establishing Operation Shield, an integrated video surveillance network consisting of public and private sector cameras throughout the City, which are monitored in real time at the Operation Shield Video Integration Center (VIC); and

**WHEREAS**, a certain number of cameras integrated into the VIC are owned by the City and are located on city-owned property; and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of cameras integrated into the VIC consist of surveillance cameras which are owned and operated by private entities for such entities own purposes and on property owned or controlled by such private entities, and which enable visual monitoring of their premises including exterior and public access areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Atlanta maintains various memoranda of understanding with the owners/operators of these surveillance camera systems for the purpose of exercising its police powers for public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with these memoranda of understanding, the City maintains limited access to real-time visual image data collected by these private surveillance camera systems specific to certain exterior public access areas; and

**WHEREAS**, to ensure that the City of Atlanta continues to deliver public safety services in the most efficient, effective, and responsive manner, I have determined that there exists a need to examine the operation, location, and coverage of the cameras integrated into the VIC pursuant to Operation Shield; and

**WHEREAS**, this examination must include an assessment of the technical relevance of all cameras integrated into the VIC; and

**WHEREAS**, this examination must also include a review of the operational status of each camera owned and operated by the City of Atlanta, and a review of all outstanding VIC integration memoranda of understanding; and

**WHEREAS**, I am hereby directing the Chief Operating Officer to coordinate with the Interim Chief of Police and the Foundation to conduct an examination of the operation, location, and coverage of all cameras integrated into the VIC pursuant to Operation Shield.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA**, pursuant to Section 3-104 of the City of Atlanta Charter and Section 2-182(4) of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances, it is hereby ordered that:

**SECTION 1.** The Chief Operating Officer shall coordinate with the interim Chief of Police and the Atlanta Police Foundation to conduct an examination of the operation, location, and coverage of all cameras integrated into the Video Integration Center (VIC) pursuant to Operation Shield.

**SECTION 2.** This examination must include an assessment of the technical relevance of all cameras integrated into the VIC; and must also include a review of the operational status of each camera owned and operated by the City of Atlanta, and a review of all outstanding VIC integration memoranda of understanding.

**SO ORDERED** this 28th day of October, 2020.



Keisha Lance Bottoms, Mayor

ATTESTED:



Municipal Clerk

**Foris Webb, III**  
Municipal Clerk